(b) if so, the Central assistance given to different States for the purpose;

(c) that total area brought under Mushroom cultivation in Eighth Plan, (State-wise); and

(d) the programme drawn-up in that regard for the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a Central Sector Scheme on Mushroom Cultivation with a total outlay of Rs. 15.69 crores for the Eighth Plan. The State-wise release of funds so far, for creation of infrastructure for Spawn and Pasteurised Compost production and for training of farmers in mushroom cultivation is given in Statement. (*See* below). In addition, National Horticulture Board is also providing financial assistance in form of soft loan for production and marketing of mushrooms on projects basis. Similarly, Ministry of Food Processing Industries also has programmes for providing assistance for creation of infrastructure particularly for mushroom processing.

(c) Mushroom production being in the unorganised sector the exact details of area brought under mushroom cultivation during Eighth Plan period is not available.

(d) The programme for the Ninth Plan are yet to be finalised.

Statement

State-wise release of funds under central sector scheme on Mushroom cultivation

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Amount released (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	20.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	30.00
3.	Assam	30.00
4.	Bihar	24.00
5.	Goa	15.25
6.	Haryana	75.50
7.	Himachal Pradesh	21.50
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	23.50
9.	Kerala	30.50
10.	Madhya Pradesh	66.25
11.	Maharashtra	53.00
12.	Manipur	40.00
13.	Meghalaya	30.00
14.	Mizoram	15.00
15.	Nagaland	35.00
16.	Orissa	20.00
17.	Punjab	27.50
18.	Rajasthan	25.75
19.	Tamil Nadu	55.50
20.	Tripura	30.50
21.	Uttar Pradesh	55.80
22.	West Bengal	23.75
23.	Chandigarh	25.50
24.	Delhi	26.50
	TOTAL :	800.30

Construction of Residential Apartments on Goa Beaches

2312. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of Environment & Forests be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that construction of residential apartments are still being continued in Goa's coastal belt despite ban under Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ);

(b) whether Government are also aware that many such constructions are being done on Dona Paula Miramar Coast even after the CRZ coming into force; and

(c) if so, the directions to be issued to the State Government to remove these encroachments and stop such constructions forthwith?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) to (c) Government of Goa was advised vide letter dated 18th October, 1996 that no approvals/sanctions be given for activities which are not in conformity with provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification and appropriate action must be

taken by the State Government against violations. Report of Government of Goa in the matter is awaited.

Deceleration in the Growth Rate of Rice and Wheat

2313. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian agriculture has shown signs of deceleration in growth rates particularly of rice and wheat as reported in an article published in the Hindustan Times, dated the 25th November, 1996 captioned "No way to feed a hungry world";

(b) whether India's food requirement would be over 225 million tonnes by the year 2000 and whether our rice production at 2,487 Kg. per hectare, still was low by world standards of 3,320 Kg. and even lower by Asian standards of 3,402 Kg.; and

(c) if so, the concrete steps so far taken by Government to achieve the required annual growth rate of six to seven per cent per annum?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The annual compound growth rate of wheat observed at 5.65 per cent during 1967-68 to 1980-81 has decelerated to 3.70 per cent during 1980-81 to 1994-95. The annual compound growth rates of production of rice during 1967-68 to 1980-81 observed 2.22 per cent has, however, accelerated to 3.48 per cent during 1980-81 to 1994-95.

(b) The normative requirement of foodgrains for the country as a whole by 2000 AD, is presently assessed at 204.5 million tonnes. As per FAO's Production Year Book 1994, the productivity levels of rice (in terms of paddy) for world and Asia for 1994 were 3651 and 3731 Kgs. per hectare in comparison to all India level of 2884 Kgs. per hectare for 1994-95.

(c) In order to increase the growth in production and productivity of foodgrains including rice and wheat, the Govrnment is implementing various crop specific centrally sponsored schemes besides providing price and market support.

Coverage under Drip Irrigation in Madhya Pradesh

2314. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite having largest land area in the country only 1800 hectares of land area is covered under drip irrigation in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to bring substantial area under drip irrigation in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The total area covered in Madhya Pradesh state under drip irrigation as in March 1996 was 1921 ha.

(b) The state does have a potential for covering much larger area with the drip system provided irrigation sources are developed.

(c) The Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for promoting use of drip irrigation, under which Madhya Pradesh was allotted total target of 4770 ha. for the VIII plan.

Newsitem Captioned Unchecked quarrying plays havoc with Beas

2315. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report published in the Indian Express, dated October 5, 1996, under the caption "Unchecked quarrying plays havoc with Beas"; and

(b) If so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to stop illegal quarrying of boulders and stones from the river bed to the Beas, which is bringing about environmental degradation and playing havoc with the surrounding areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) Yes, Sir.